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OCA 90-3304
23 October 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: E. Norbert Garrett
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Community Support for the Arms Control
Ratification Process

1. The attached letter from you to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the SSCI seeks their help in improving the process by which the Community and the Committee interact as the latter begins its examination of the proposed START and CFE treaties.

2. Nothing radical is proposed in this letter though the Committee could balk at our request to have all its questions for the record and other tasking on arms control addressed initially to ACIS. Basically, what we are trying to accomplish is to take advantage of the lessons learned in the TTBT and PNET ratification process and to have some agreed procedures in place before CFE and START really get underway.



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The Honorable David L. Boren
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Senate's recent ratification of the Threshold Test Ban and Peaceful Nuclear Explosion Treaties is a reminder that other, more complex arms control agreements should soon be coming before your Committee for examination. I am referring, of course, to the Conventional Forces In Europe (CFE) and Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties (START), and I am writing to let you know of some measures I am taking to ensure that the Intelligence Community's support to the ratification process is as timely and responsive as possible.

Community leaders involved in this process agree that there is a need to take advantage of our experience with the prior treaties by strengthening coordination between agencies and streamlining communications with your Committee. Consequently, I am issuing guidelines to the Community which emphasize that my Special Assistant for Arms Control Intelligence, Mr. Douglas MacEachin, will serve as the Community's focal point for the CFE and START ratification process.

Two teams are presently being assembled within the Arms Control Intelligence Staff (ACIS) to provide intelligence data and assessments relative to the proposed treaties. I also have asked Mr. MacEachin to replicate for CFE and START the interagency working groups that aided in generating coordinated Community responses to the issues that arose over the nuclear testing and peaceful explosion treaties.

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Finally, I will look to Mr. MacEachin to oversee the attendance of Intelligence Community personnel at the Committee's hearings and briefings on the basis of requisite clearances and a need to know. On-the-record staff briefings on the CFE treaty already are underway and ACIS is working with the Committee's staff to develop a briefing schedule for START. As you would expect, a few of these briefings will require certain highly restricted clearances and therefore some limitations on the attendees. On this and other administrative matters related to the arms control process, I invite the Committee to use OCA as its point of contact for reaching the other legislative liaison offices.

If you have any suggestions for improving the process by which the Committee and the Community can more effectively interact in dealing with the upcoming arms control agenda, I would be very pleased if you would be in touch.

A copy of this letter is also being provided to Vice Chairman Cohen.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Webster

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